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Most excellent reports of the wonderful work that Malt Breakfast Food is doing for growing children come to the notice of the manufactur every day. Many fathers and mothers declare that their little ones look more eagerly and anxiously for their dish of Malt Breakfast Food each morning than for anything else. All the children relis It and find it delicious and appetizing. Malt Breakfast Food is giving in every instance the happy results that careful parents look for-increase it flesh, purer blood, beighter eyes and greater bodily strength. We strongly advise parents to adopt the use of Malt Break'ast Food if their children are not showing evidences of healthy growth. For a supper dish it is equally valuable. Grocers every-

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A Shoe Sensation!

The crowds still coming for the manufacturer's entire stock of Ladies' and Men's SHOES,

\$2.49.

Big crowds all the week at our manufacturer's sale of \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 Shoes at \$2.49. It's hard to tell who's interested the most—the men or women—for we are fitting hundreds of each every day with the finest and swellest shoes made, and all we ask is \$2.49 for your choice. See our windows for samples of the spiendid Shoes included in this sale; then come in and be fitted before your size is gone.

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Shoes for Men. This is their season. Never had so many swell styles and never sold so many pairs before, All Hu-man-les, \$4.
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Dr. Miles' Pain Pills will cure Head-Pain and Headache. At Druggists-25c. a box.

Report of the President of Board of Trustees.

BUILDING TO BE COMPLETED ON TIME

The Need for Increase of the Force Shown.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

The report of the president of the board of trustees of the public library, Mr. Theodore W. Noyes, has been submitted to the District Commissioners. Its chief points of interest are as follows:

Within the twelve months since the sub mission of the last annual report the work upon the new building for the public library has been vigorously pushed, and the beautiful lines of the structure as designed are fast taking concrete shape in marble and granite. The contract for the erection of the building, which was signed August 22, 1900, by Richardson & Burgess of Washington, required completion of the work by March 1, 1902. In spite of certain obstacles, indicated elsewhere in this report, which threaten some the state of the state delay, assurance is given that the superin-Formerly of 11th and F Sts. N. W., tendent of construction (Mr. Bernard R. Green) and the library commission will be able to report that their task is finished shortly after that date and two or three menths before the beginning of the next

the work upon the building is given, and a plea for the improvement of the approaches and the park environment proaches and the park environment is made, the estimate for the latter work be-

ing \$25,000.

The architects of the library in considering the effect upon the building of its approaches and environment have designed a plan of treatment of Mt. Vernon Square adapted to the architectural character and practical purpose of the structure, while preserving the characteristics of the reservation as a public park. It is hoped and confidently anticipated that Congress will provide by appropriation for the prompt execution of this plan, or one similar in general effect, as an item in the improvement and care of the parks of the city, under the supervision and control of Col. T. A. Bingham, the superintendent of public buildings and grounds, who is also by law a member of the public library commission and is thus in a dual capacity familiar with and in-

terested in the proper treatment of the library and its environment.

In pursuance of the general policy of park development in Washington the location of the library building in Mount Vernon Square is to be permitted to withdraw an absolute minimum of park surface from a building to the library building in Mount Vernon Square is to be permitted to withdraw an absolute minimum of park surface from the library and the attractiveness of the public use, and the attractiveness of the remainder of the park is to be enhanced and its public benefits increased in com-pensation, with the result of furnishing an attractive setting of green for the marble of the library and of returning to the peo-

ple a more beautiful and beneficial, if lessened, park area.

Mount Vernon Square contains 130,219 square feet. The area to be occupied by the library building is 17,307 square feet. The location of the library upon less than one-seventh of the area may be and should one-seventh of the area may be and should be utilized to secure for the remaining six-sevenths a care and attention and wise

Wanted: Books and an Adequate Library Force.

When the building, completed, equipped with furniture and embellished as to its approaches and surroundings, is thus dedicated to the public use, a library skeleton is provided which must be clothed with flesh and blood and animated into useful activity. The building is a mockery for library purposes without books and an adequate force to render the books quickly accessible to the public.

The acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's gift of a library building carries with it the pledge of suitable maintenance of the library by Congress, upon which the donation was conditioned. In what does "suitable maintenance" consist?

The factors recognized by librarians as the size of the building to be cared for, the number of separate reading places to be supervised, the number of active readers and borrowers and in general the activity of the library. To the cost of current maintenance must be added in the case of a library in process of organization or adaptation to a new building and a larger constituency a special expenditure for new apparatus in the way of catalogues, &c., apparatus in the way or catalogues, &c., and for the preparation of new books for use, in addition, of course, to an expenditure for the acquisition of new books to meet the suddenly enlarged demand.

The maintenance requirements both for library-supervision and general care of the building that has been demand. building that are based on the size and arrangement of the structure may be most intelligently estimated through consideration of these actual conditions in the case of the library building.

These ample and conveniently related floor areas supply very satisfactory library facilities, but involve considerable necessary expenditure for supervision, care and maintenance, for which the conditions and provisions in the present crowded rented quarters furnish to according to the conditions. quarters furnish no precedent whatsoever. Activity and Usefulness of Washing-

The activity of the public library in its new building as a factor in the cost of maintenance is, of course, only faintly indicated by the showing now made in respect to the existing library, which consists almost exclusively of miscellaneous donated volumes, many of which are not of immediate popular interest. The small per-centage of books for which there is general demand is soon swept from the shelves, and applicants are continuously disappointed, with the result of discouraging in many cases the attempted use of the library. Notwithstanding all the drawbacts of a haphazard library, inadequate handling force, and small and inconveniently arranged quarters, the showing of the popular ranged quarters, the showing of the popular use of the public library conclusively dem-onstrates the widespread and constantly increasing demand at the capital for public circulating library facilities, and strongly suggests the vastly increased library activity which will follow when in the new building the specified obstacles to prompt gratification of the public desire for books are very largely removed. Between July 1, 1900, and July 1, 1901, the number of books istered borrowers has grown to 13,328, a gain of 2,871. The average daily circulation, previously extraordinarily large in the light of the small number of desirable circulat-ing books, has slightly increased and for the year was 404. The total issue of books for the year was 123,555, and as the average number of books in the library during this period was 20,875, the circulation during the year aggregated nearly six times

the whole library.

The most obvious and urgent special maintenance need of the library for 1901-'02 is that of books and catalogues. The Plea for Books.

Up to this time the plea for appropriations for books has been weakened and rendered practically ineffective by the fact that the library's temporary rented quarters have been overcrowded and the limited cataloguing force overtaxed merely by donated volumes. Congress was slow to provide more books when the library could hardly catalogue and shelve those it had. Now conditions are completely reversed. Instead of overcrowding ample areas in the new building are to be entered. Instead of overcrowding ample areas in the new building are to be enjoyed. The 23,000 volumes which overflow the present quarters will be lost in the new building, which from the outset can shelve 17,470 volumes, omitting from the calculation portable cases or book presses. The bookstack (three tiers) will accommodate .58.700 volumes; public reading room, 7,770; children's room, 5,500; open-shelf room, 5,500; total, 177,470. The completion of the book stack to the full five tiers will give problem an original one, to be decided by room for 105,500 volumes more. When the

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A Broadside of Bargains for Friday.

Just as regularly as Friday comes you may be sure that we put on double pressure and crowd prices down—down—down until they're lower than they've ever been known. Small lots-and big lots-they all suffer the fate of inordinate reduction under h stress of clearance conditions. No one Friday ever held out so many tempting opportunities. None ever appealed so strong y to your consideration. Read every word that follows. It's well worth your while.

A splendid big remnant lot of Dress Goods, comprising 50-inch Plaids, in camel's hair effects; Wool Albatross, in light shades; Heavy-weight Melton Cloth (that requires no lining), also 36-inch Wool Cashmere, All-wool French Flannel, 50-inch Mixed Suiting and 36-inch Shepherd Checks, besides many more equally as desirable. Qualities worth up to 50 cents a yard. Friday for 19 cents.

Remnants of All-wool 38-inch Cashmere, All-wool 38-inch Serge, 38-inch All-wool Plaids, 44-inch All-wool Homespuns, All-wool French Flannel, All-wool Homespuns, All-wool French Flannel, All-wool Challie, in plain colors; All-wool Striped Albatross, 38-inch Wool Check Suitings, in blue, black and brown; 40-inch Plaids, in pretty color combinations, and extra heavy Melton Cloth for walking skirts, in medium and Oxford gray, Qualities 20c. Remants of Twilled-back Broadcloth, 52-inch All-wool Venetians, 50-inch All-wool Poplins, 48-inch Heavy Corded Whipcords, 46-inch Sattafaced Prunellas and 58-inch Heavy-weight Golf Suiting. Worth up to \$1.25 yard. Fri-

Remnants of Fancy Striped Waistings, in the

10c. Ribbons = 234c.

A remant accumulation of Ribbons, in all-silk taffetas, plain and fancy of actions of the control of the plain and fancy effects—also Satin and Gros Grain Ribbons; numbers 5, 7 and 9; good lengths, from 1½ to 3 yards; all colors. Regular price, 10c. yard. Friday for Remnants of Plain and Fancy Taffeta Ribbons, up to 3 inches wide, in all the new fall colors—and desirable lengths. Regular 12½c. qualities—Friday, for..... 634C.

5c. Handk'fs = 2 /2 c.

Five hundred dozen Ladies
Plain White and Fast Color
Fancy Border Handkerchiefs,
genuine hemstitched. Never known to sell for
less than 5 cents. A wholesaler's "reunants"

-offered Friday at 2½ cents each.

Many hundreds of yards of Pretty Torchon Laces, that have so many uses. Edges and Insertings to match. Not remnants—but full pleces—and for this reason better. Buy any quantity you like. Various widths and new styles. Regular 5c. qualities—that we can offer Friday at 2½c. a yard.

Art Department.

Best quality Germantown, Saxony and Shetland Floss, in all colors, as well as a plentiful supply of white, which is very scarce. 9½C. Fast-color Marking Thread, in red IC. Odds and ends of Laundry Bags. Fancy-colored Pillow Tope, and Spachtel Pillow Shams and Bureau Scarfs. Slightly mussed— 19c. but regular 39c. qualities—for.......

Friday's Notion Lots.

on sale Friday at 5 packs for...... 1 C.

50c. Dress Goods, 1 9c.

A splendid big remnant lot of Dress Goods, comprising 50-inch Plaids, in camel's hair effects;
Wool Albatross, in light shades; Heavy-weight Melton Cloth (that requires no lining), also 36-inch Wool Cashmere, All-wool French Flannel, 50-inch Mixed Sutting and 36-inch Shepherd

19c. Neckwear - - 5c.

A remnant lot of Ladies' Neckwear, left from recent selling, comprising Pleated Satin Stock Collars, others with lace jabot effects and embroidered turnover collars. Lots that sold up to 19 cents—to be hurried out Friday at 5 cents each. Velvet Stock Collars, in all color combina-tions, black with white, violet with white and five others. Regular price, 19 cents. 9C. Reduced for Friday's selling to......

\$1.50 Feathers - 39°.

Here's a chance to get all the Trimmings for the fall Hat at next to nothing. The balance of our purchase of manufacturers' sample lines of Fancy Feathers are to be closed tomorrow at 39c. Included are all sorts of new and desirable Hat Trimmings, Birds, Breasts, Pompons, Fancy Effects, Feathers, &c. Some are slightly shop hurt—but not enough to motice. Qualities sold regularly at 75c. to \$1.50. Choice at 39c. Friday.

9-inch Lustrous Black Ostrich Tips. 25c. sold regularly at 48c., go Friday for.. Children's Felt Flats, mostly gray, and a few other colors. Broken lot—so we have 25C.

\$1.50 Kid Gloves,

At former times we have offered you many memorable glove values—but none to compare with this. The qualities are of the highest order—the styles of the newest sort—the sizes complete—the assortment immense. Gloves that show the slightest weakness—like a tiny tear, a dropped stitch or ripped seam, are promptly returned to the maker—to be skilifully repaired and strengthened until good as new. Such are these, Fine French Kid, 2-clasp, in black and every fall shade, brown, tan, oxblood, white, gray, &c. Every size. Qualities sold regularly at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pair. Your best glove chance of the season at 49 cents a pair. Regular 39c. All-wool Golf Gloves for ladies, misses and children, in white, gray, red and black. All sizes. On sale Friday 25c.

Yd.=wide Muslin, 478c.

Ready for Friday's special 478c.

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wide Unbleached Muslin, in lengths from 2½ to 15 yards, at 47%c. a yard. Short lengths of 9-quarter Unbleached Sheeting, in 1 to 10-yard lengths; full 121/2C. Remnants of Striped Outing Cloth, in pink and blue colors; for undergarments. Lot of 36-inch "Eclipse" Flannelettes in Persian effects, polka dots, floral designs, &c. Regular price, 15c. yard. OI/2C.

Two cases of Heavy Unbleached Canton Flannel, in lengths from 2 to 8 yards. Heavy fleece. Regular price, 10c. Friday 71/2C.

30c. Table Linens, Ooc. A splendid remnant let of Cream German Table Damask, 54 inches wide, in lengths of 1½, 2, 2½ and 3 yard... Sold off the piece at 30c. yard. Friday for 22c. a yard. Remnant lot of Linen Doylies, with fancy borders, fringed all around. Solled and mussed. Sold at 75c. dozen. Friday (each) 378c.

Six dozen Extra Large Size Hemmed Huck Towels, very heavy quality. Solled on the folded edges—that's all. Reduced from 15c.

25cMisses'hose 121/2c. A remnant lot of 4 1 2 2 2 dozen Misses' Fast Black Woolen and Fleeced Hose, broken sizes—but fine qualities—sold at 25c. pair. Friday for 12%c. Only 48 pairs.

12½c. Linings = 5½c.

Fire thousand yards of "Mill Ends" of Fast Black

Molred Percaline, Percasiks and Mercerized Linings. Good, desirable lengths. Qualities sold at 16c. and 12½c. a yard. Friday for 5%c. a yard. Remnants of Fast Black Mercerized Sateens and Serges. Suitable lengths. Regular 18c. and 25c. qualities. 1034c.

A remaining lot of six dozen Black and White and Red and White Percale Wrappers, with braid-trimmed yoke—also a few dozen Lawn Wrappers, with flounces and trimmed rolles on shoulders. Broken sizes and odds and ends of lines sold up to 89c. All go on sale tomorrow at 39 cents ea.h.

\$1 women's waists 39°.

They are damaged—but not enough to hurr the looks or wear. Plenty good enough for the house. Made of all-wool flaunels, and lined throughout—Various colors. Worth one dollar. We'll clean 'em up Friday for 39 cents. Six dozen Spleadid Quality Fast Black Mercerized Sateen Walsts, with tucked front and back. Made and finished in superior fashion. Every size excepting 32, 34 and 44. Worth one dollar. Friday for just half 50C.

\$5 Silk Waists = \$1.98 Fifty fine quality Taffeta Silk Walsts; some are tucked and others are hemstitched and corded, all-over tucked and with knife pleating. All the leading fall colors and a few blacks among them. Not a waist in the lot sold for less than \$5.00, and some were \$6.00. But because of a little mussing we mark them at \$1.98 for quick clearance. Of course, you must burry! 7 Children's School Jackets, of all-wool coverts, silk lined. Sizes 8 and 10 years. Sold regularly at \$3.98. Fri-\$1.25 15 Ladies' Dress Skirts, of all-wool homespun; well tailored. Former price, \$3.98. \$1.39 A lot of Dress Skirts, of fine quality all-wool cheviot, Venetian and homespan; some with taffeta band trimmed flounces and others in various styles. Regular \$4.50 and \$2.98 14 Black Taffeta Silk Dress Skirts, trimmed in the handsomest styles imaginable, with chiffon, with ruffles and some all-over tucked. Regular value, \$15.00—Friday.

Lot of Women's Tailored Suits of best cheviots and Venetians, in black, blue, brown, gray, &c. Worth \$15.00. Friday's \$8.08 price.

75c. Child's Shoes, 50c. A lot of Children's Shoes of durable leathers—Box Calf and Kangaroo Calf. Sizes 6 to 11. Good wearing. Regular price, 75c. Offered for Friday at 59c. a pair. Boys' and Misses' Tan Spring-heel Shoes, both light and heavy weights. Qualities 69c. Ladies' Shoes in Kidskin and Vict Kid-heavy and light extension soles. Button and lace. Broken sizes. Regular \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 qualities. Friday \$1.17 for. Women's Fast Black Cloth Overgatiers, 7-button style. All sizes. Regular 121/5c. Boys' Satin Calf Shoes, all solid leather throughout. Strong and serviceable. Sizes 13 to 5½. Regular \$1.50 value. 97c.

\$2.50 Boys' Suits, 95°.

The sizes are not complete.

hence the sharp reduction. Boys' The sizes are not complete—hence the sharp reduction. Boys' Double breasted Suits, in fancy cassimeres. Sizes 8, 9 and 10 only. Neat check patterns. Regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 grades—Friday at 95 cents. 8 Boys' Tan Covert Top Coats, in sizes 12, 13, 14 and 15. Splendid styles. Sold at \$4.00—but because sizes are broken will close \$2.39 out the rest at..... A small lot of Boys' Green Serge Caps, with visor, that sold at 50 cents, are to be 19c.

Boys' Vestic Sults of fine all-wool fancy cassimeres. Sizes 3 and 4 only. Sold at \$1.69 Boys' All-wool Suits, sold up to \$4.00-neatly braid trimmed. Sizes 3 and 4 only and that's why we close them out \$1.39 6 Boys' Long Pants Sults, sizes 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. Heavy weight—but light patterns. Sold up to \$7.50. Tomor. \$3.39

\$1.69 Coats = = = 75°.

Ten Children's Fancy Elderdown Coats, with large collars, trimmed in fancy braid and Angora fur. Warmly lined. Sizes 6 months to 3 years. Sold at \$1.69—for 75 cents Friday.

75c. Corsets = = 29c.

36 Ladies' Corsets, of heavy could, in medium length, new traight front. White and drab.

We haven't all sizes—but if yours is here you'll get a 75-cent Corset for 29c.

79c. Underwear = 29c.

Odds and ends of Ladies' Undergarments, consisting of Muslim and Cambric Umbrella Drawers,
Low and High-neck French Corset Covers, Chemises, Short Ekirts and Children's Gowas, Skirts and Dresses. All tastefully trimmed in lace and embroidery. Soiled and mussed from showing.

Worth up to 49 cents, for 29 cents.

Men's 39c. Shirts, 25c.

Men's Outing Flannel Working
Shirts, collars attached; extension band and double yoke. Atmost every size. Regular price is 39 cents—so there'll be a great scramble for them tomorrow at 25 cents each. Men's Heavy-weight Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, full regular made. Shirts have taped neck, double cuffs and pearl bactons. Drawers have double crotch and suspender tapes. All sizes. Regular 50c. 39c. Men's Laundered Percale Dress Shirts, in the newest fall patterns—of pink, blue, lavender, black and white stripes. Pair of separate link cuffs. 59c. value for..... 39c. Men's Suspenders, good, strong quality elastic—with nickel buckle and clasp. Reg. 7c.

50c.LeatherGoods, 10c. Odds and ends of Leather Belts, in seal and walrus, with metal buckles—and Seal and Morocco Pecket Books. Sold at 25c., 39c. and 50c. Friday, 10 cents for choice.

\$1.25 Underwear, A C. Odds and ends of Ladies' and Children's Wool Shirts and Pauts, in white and gray. More of the Pants than Shirts. Values up to \$1.25 Friday for 49c. Children's Ribbed Plain Merino Natural and White Vests, Pants and Drawers. Odd sizes. Values up to 35c. Friday's price. 19c.

39c. Wearables = 22c.

Odds and ends of Ladies' Short
Flannelette Petticoats, Elderdown Boleros, in fancy and
plain colors; Knit Fascinators, Knit Squares,
Children's Flannelette Dresses, Knit Caps and
Toques. Sold up to 39 cents Friday for 22c. Several dozen Ladies' Gingham Aprons, with borders. Long and wide, with the 71/2C. strings, Regular 15c, quality for...

68c. Umbrellas - 39c.

80 Ladies' Gloria Umbrellas, with natural wood and silvertrimmed randles. Steel rod and Paragon frame. Begular 68c. value, for 89c. Friday.

12½c. Silkolines - - 5.

A remnant lot of Yard-wide Silkolines, in lengths from 2 to 5 yards.
Regular trice, 12½c. yd.—for Friday
at 5 cents a yard.

Four-quarter Table Covers, finished with fringe; good colors. Regular 35c. qual- 19C. Lot of Genuine Bromley's Wool Smyrna Rugs, in new designs, offered Friday 49c. Irish Point Lace Curtains, one and two pair of a kind styles; mussed from handling. Regular \$5.00 values. Fri-\$3.48 Several dozen odd pairs of Portieres, one and two pairs of a kind. New style heavy cord. Regular price, \$5.00 \$2.98

Lot of Heavy Fleeced 11-quarter Double-bed Blankets, with red and blue borders.
Slightly mussed. Regular value. \$1.25

59c. Velvets = - 39c.

A remnant lot of Silk-pile Velvets—in a good range of colors.

Regular 59c. quality, for, yd....

\$4.98 Silk Skirts, \$7.89 Four Taffeta Silk Petticoats, made with deep umbrella ruffles and cords above. Colors are cerise and blue. Sold at \$4.98. Friday for \$2.89—but you must come early. Only four

A large remnant accumulation of high-grade Silks, consisting of fine Corded Taffetas, Plain Colored Taffetas, Plain Colored Taffetas, Plain Colored Taffetas, Plaid Taffetas, Check Taffetas, Changeable Taffeta and Plain Black Taffeta. There are all colors in the lot. Also fine satins in black and leading colors. Mostly in waist lengths. Qualities sold up to \$1.25 a yard, for 48 cents Friday.

\$1.25 Black Goods

Remnants of 52-inch All-wool
Black Habit Cloth, 52-inch All-wool
Black Habit Cloth, 52-inch All-wool
Black Pebble Cheviots, 52-inch
All-wool Black English Cheviots, 52-inch
All-wool Black Habit Suitne, 46-inch All-wool
Black Silk-finished Henrietta, 46-inch Silk
Luster Black Mohair Brilliantine, 48-inch All-wool
Black Storm Serge, 46-inch All-wool Black
Imperial Serge, 46-inch Black Mohair Crepons
and Pierolar and 46-inch All-wool Black Diagonals, in good skirt and dress lengths, Qualities
worth up to \$1.25 yard. Friday for 48c.

Basement Odds and Ends. A few dozen odd pairs of Extension Roller A lot of Three-arm Towel Holders, reduced for quick clearance to 5c. Glass-covered Butter Dishes Bowls, cut glass effects. Re-

Jelly Glasses, large size—first qual-ity. Friday, each for only........... 134c.

Remnants of Seersucker 310 yards, hams, in lengths from 21/2 to 10 yards, 37/8C

922-924-926-928 Seventh St. and 706 K St.

The factors recognized by librarians as least the shelves on the first f.or affecting the cost of such maintenance are and the first tier of the book stack filled with catalogued books ready for public use, a total of 71,670 volumes. Of this number nearly 23,000 are now available, and about 49,000 must be provided. An immediate extensive purchase of books is neces-sary: (1) as adequate maintenance to de-cently fill the shelves of the new building; (2) to round out the existing library, which from the fact that it is composed largely of donations is unsystematic and unsymmetrical, full of weaknesses and omissions. The special classes of books most need of for this purpose are noted by the libraceived from the following American libra ries, which show the salaries of their li rian in his report to the trustees.

Attention is especially called to the neces-

sary strengthening of the reference and children's departments. The library is by the law creating it a part of the educa-tional system of the District, a supplement of the public schools, and no effort can wisely be omitted to enlarge its uscfulness and to cause it to meet its full responsibility in this capacity.

(3) To meet the equities of library maintenance as established by the precedents of other cities. In stocking new library buildings with collections of books and in providing ample cataloguing and circulating library forces American municipalities have ject are presented in the discussion of the local estimates.

Library Estimates for Next Year. In the light of the information submitted in respect to what constitutes under existing conditions suitable library maintenance, the formal library estimates are presented

(Library and building force.)
librarian \$3,000
eference room assistant. issue division assistant.....issue division assistant.....issue division assistant..... cataloguer.
cataloguer.
temporary cataloguers, at \$540 (this appropriation to be immediately available).
stenographer and typewriter.
attendants, reading room, at \$480.
attendant, reading room, at \$360.
attendants, delivery room, at \$480.
attendants, delivery room, at \$60.
messengers, at \$360.
janitors, at \$480.
engineer. charwomen, at \$180.....

(Miscellaneous.)

For purchase of books (this appropriation to be immediately available). \$40,000

For binding (including bindery plant) 6,000

For fuel, light, transfer of books and furniture to new building, fitting up building and other contingent expenses.

The appropriations for the Washington Public Library for 1901-02 were: For librarian, \$1,600; assistant librarian, \$900; assistant, \$720; two assistants at \$600 each; cataloguer, \$720; cataloguer, \$600; stenographer and typewriter, \$600; janitor, \$480; one attendant, \$480; two attendants at \$360 each; one messenger, \$360; in all, \$8,380. For purchase of books, \$5,000; binding, \$2,500; rent, fuel, light, fitting up rooms and other contingent expenses, \$3,500; in all. \$11,000. Total, \$19,380. The current appropriations are noted in pursuance of custom in presenting next year's estimates, but on this occasion the effect is misleading, since it is not merely the normal development of the existing iibrary, with its appropriation last year of \$19.380, which is to be met; but the ex-

eration of the provisions heretofore made for the existing library.

To examine the estimates in Jetall. The original estimate of salary for librarian in 1897 was \$2,500. This recommendation has several times been renewed. So much of the library's public usefulness depends upon the librarian, and the responsibilities of this office will be so great in the new building, that the trustees urge especially placed at a figure commensurate with the dignity and duties of the office. Responses to inquiries have been re-

brarians at the present time to be as follows: Brooklyn, \$5.500; Milwaukee, \$3.500; Minneapolis, \$3.000; Newark, \$4,200; Providence, \$4,000; San Francisco, \$3,000; Boston, \$5,000; Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, \$2. 500: Cincinnati, \$3,500: Detroit, \$3,000.
The total number of employes in these ilbraries is as follows: Brooklyn, 105 (including seventeen branches); Milwaukee 62; Minneapolis, 39; Newark, 40; Providence, 41; San Francisco, 49; (including sixteen in branches); Boston, 177; Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, 24; Cincinnatt, 80; Detroit, 67. Some of these libraries nave numerous branches, which increase the size of the force beyond that required for Washington. Examination in detail of the lists of em-Examination in detail of the lists of employes in the main libraries of Newark, Providence, Minneapolis and San Francisco, whose conditions most closely approximate those of the Wasnington library in its new building, shows that they differ little in the size of force employed, and from a comparison of their figures a good idea can be obtained of what Washington's library will require in this respect.

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A tabular statement is printed, comparing in detail the figures of the four libraries above named with those proposed for Washington. It is shown that Newark's pay roll includes forty employes at \$24,626; Providence's forty-one employes at \$20,859; Minneapolis, thirty-nine employes at \$20,525; San Francisco, thirty-three employes at \$22,740, and Washington (proposed), thirty-four employes at \$20,700.

Of Washington's (proposed) employes three are temporary cataloguers to assist in handling the anticipated large accession of new books which are to fill the first floor shelves of the new building, thus leaving a permanent force of theiry-one.

The Washington library building is larger than the new homes of the Newark and Providence libraries, and its believed to be the largest of the above list of five. It covers an area of 17,307 square feet. The cost of its supervision and maintenance would not be expected to be less than in the case of the smaller buildings.

The number of borrowers and the annual issue of books in the case of Washington's library indicate. In view of the comparatively small number. Of popular volumes in the library; a degree of library activity and of popular demand for circulating books which is not surpassed in any of the other cities.

The average salaries of the Washington

other cities.

The average salaries of the Washington library employes are estimated at something less than the salaries in the other cities. This difference is even greater in practical effect than appears on the surface, for it is recognized that the national government which sets the pace of salary rates at the capital pays more for the same service than the corresponding individual employer in other cities. Thus while other employes are paid higher in Washington than in other cities, the library employes are paid less. slimiar conditions. The librarian's report emphasises the necessity to meet the demands of the new building of special assistants and sub-assistants for the children's room, reference room, delivery deak, cataloguing and registration departments.

The figures concerning the force required for the care of the building are submitted by the superintendent of construction, Mr. Bernard R. Green of the Library of Congress, whose wide experience in such matters entities his opinion to every consucration. He also presents the estimates for

distinguished from those of the library. As specialrary items of the contingent fund the librarian urges the necessity of supplies and equipment for the new registration beginning in 1902, and for the extensive cataloguing of new books.

Attention is directed to the economy and general decirabilities of a library arrival. general desirability of a liberal appropria-tion for binding books, as demonstrated in the librarian's report, and also to argument on the line of economy and su-

erior efficiency for the establish bindery in the new building. As bearing upon the reasonableness of the maintenance estimates in general it may be added that Mr. Carnegle's later donations for the erection of libraries have specified 10 per cent of the cost of the building as the minimum annual maintenance fund which the municipality is to provide. In the present case this rule would require that the maintenance appro-priation should not fall below \$35,000. Omitting from consideration the first heavy appropriation for the purchase of books, and temporary expenditures in cataloguing them and preparing them for public use, this amount approximates, as will be seen on examination of the estimates, the sum demed necessary for adequate mainten-ance of the Washington library. The cost of library maintenance is not

dependent upon the number of books upon the shelves. The disbursements of the Newark library for 1890, its second year, when it had 22,848 books (compare Washington 22,811) and a force of thirty-one employes (the number of permanent employes proposed for Washington) were as follows:

Newark Public Library. DISBURSEMENTS, ,1890. (Force, 31. Books, 22,848.) In 1899, though the number of volumes had increased to over 70,000, the cost of maintenance had been reduced to \$38,620.-

Collecting Back Dues in Book Appro-

The estimate of \$40,000 for books pro ooses not merely a maintenance approprimade. For that ending June 30, 1001, the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated, and for the current year \$5,000. It is the habit of municipalities to make large appropriations for books in the first few years of a library's life, and when a rounded symmetrical collection has been secured to reduce the appropriations to the simple maintenance basis. Thus the what was left undone at the national capital. It will enable the library to fill the shelves of the first floor of the building so that the municipality may not be humiliated when the structure is dedicated to the public. It will prevent the library from losing prectige among book lovers and from discouraging recourse to it by constantly disappointing applicants, fisplaying for their benefit only a benegative array of empty shelves. Mr., Herbert Putnam, the Librarian of Congress, agrees have edged from time to time by the librarian of money and uneful here alien years larger than edged from time to time by the librarian have eight librarily of money and uneful here.

structive blow at the library's successful development, and bases his advice upon his own experience as librarian of the popular circulating library at Minneapolis, where, opening with 30,000 volumes, with-in three days the shelves were swept clean of all the most popular books and the inability to meet the ensuing demand injured materially the opportunity of the library to take advantage of the public in-terest awakened by the opening of the new building.

The appropriation of \$40.000 to provide with other accessions, the 50,000 additional volumes, which are absolutely essential to a creditable opening of the new library, should be made immediately available, and the same provision should be attached to the item for temporary cataloguers. Wise forethought in preparation for the appropriate for the appropriate of the appropr forethought in preparation for the opening of a library, which, through large additions is to be practically new, suggests the pur-chase, cataloguing and arrangement of the books on the shelves before the people are invited to inspect and enjoy. The prece-dents of the Fort Worth, Tex., library and that of Armour Institute, cited by the librarian, are only samples of observance of ar

obviously wise custom.

It is possible and probable that the District appropriation bill may not be enacted until near the beginning of the next fiscal year, in which event the provision of immediate availability. mediate availability in respect to the ap-propriation for books and temporary cata-logues would fail to accomplish its intended purpose. It is urged that an effort be made to secure the enactment of these items on the urgent deficiency bill, in order that the books may with reasonable certainty be on Book Donations for the New Building

When the library is housed in a handsom fireproof building, with ample areas, so that donated collections may be safely handled and creditably displayed, renewed impetus will be given to such donations by beneficent citizens. These gifts can be held together in special alcoves, if their nature permits, so as to retain identity as the collections of their donors. They will be safe, carefully cared for and will contribute in the highest degree to the public welfare. The librarian's reports of donations for the last two years show the liberality and public spirit of Washingtonians in this particular, even without the encouragement and invitation to such donations which conditions in the new building present. Vastly increased accessions for the future may be confidently anticipated along the lines of donation upon which beginnings have been made and in new directions which will readily suggest themselves. An increase of the Henry Pastor memorial fund, the interest of which is usefully devoted to the purchase of scientific periodicals, is promised. Mr. John R. McLean's agreement to provide a complete collection of all books relating to the history of Ohlo suggests to loyal and beneficent citizens representing other states the idea of collecting at the national capital historical state records. Especially should the precedent be effective for the District nature permits, so as to retain identity as

ration of the new conditions, is likely to be widely followed. Use of Duplicates From the Library of

Congress. Coincident with the housing of the pub lic library in its new building there should be a clear definition of its relations to the Library of Congress, to the end that both institutions may best serve the public uses of their creation, and to the end that the waste of national library treasure at the capital may be reduced to a minimum. capital may be reduced to a minimum. The opening to circulation or the creation of a circulating department of the Library of Congress has been frequently urged, but always unsuccessfully. The policy seems now to be fixed of treating and developing that library exclusively as one of the world's great reference collections for scholars and students. The Washington Public Library as primarily a circulating library supplements the Library of Constitutions. library supplements the Library of Con-gress just as numerous popular circulating collections of London and Paris supplement the library of the British Museum and the exclusively reference collections. The relations of nation and capital, involving com-plete control of the capital's affairs by Congress, make the Washington Public Li-brary as much a government institution in principle as the Library of Congress. The problem presented to the national legislature is to so use the capital's reference and lending libraries that the nation will waste no fraction of its library resources, and that all its books, whether valuable for reference or circulating purposes, shall be rendered most fully available for the bene-fit of the people of the republic. In fixing the status of the Library of Congress as exclusively a reference library

many miscellaneous volumes suitable for circulating purposes may be condemned to decay almost unused on the shelves. Congress in controlling the affairs of both libraries for the highest public benefit would wisely institute a system of reciprocity be-tween the two libraries and divert so far as possible valuable reference collections to the Library of Congress, and, on the other hand, transfer as a loan to the shelves of the public library and render accessible to the people duplicate miscellaneous vol-umes in the Library of Congress suitable

for general circulation.

Several years ago, before there was any promise or hope of such a home for the capital's lending library as the structure capital's lending library as the structure on Mount Vernon Square will afford, the effort was made to secure for public use in the Washington Library some 15,000 uncopyrighted duplicates on the sheives of the Library of Congress, and the then librarian of Congress (Mr. Spofford) approved a resolution which authorized the joint committee on the library to designate and turn over as a loan to the public library such books of that description as could be spared from the Library of Congress. There should be ascertained at this time through the librarian of Congress whether any duplicates in the library can without inconplicates in the library can without incon-venience be spared that would be of value venience be spared that would be of value for popular circulating purposes. Then the joint committee on the library might be authorized to remove temporarily as a toan from the shelves of the reference to the lending library such of these volumes as it may designate. This shifting of books to serve the ends of wise public economy and the highest public benefit should not be confined to uncopyrighted books. Copyrighted duplicates might, it would seem, be kept as well and as legally in one public library under complete congressional con-

that the public library be made for populending purposes the general departmen library as a substitute for the small medianeous collections which have been cured by a few of the departments. To public library would not, if thus used, fect in the slightest the departmental libries as technical reference collections official use. The volumes of the lat character number nearly 300,000 whithere are only between 20,000 and 30,000.